

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph from page 49, line 24 to page 50, line 4 of the present specification by the following amended paragraph:

Polyethylene-based resin beads were obtained in the same manner as in Example 1 except that linear low-density polyethylene (ethylene-butene copolymer: melt index of 0.7 g/10 min, density of 0.922 g/ml, melting point of 121 °C) having a different melting point from that used in Example 1 was used.